



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Matt Heeren, Elected Member

ABSENT: Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member

STAFF: Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Senior HR Analyst-Fire
Darlene Granger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst
Autumn Asmus

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Authorization of appointment of Autumn Asmus as PSPRS Police Local Board Secretary

Ms. Sampson announced that she is leaving her position with the City and Ms. Asmus will replace her as the Board secretary.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AUTUMN ASMUS AS THE PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD SECRETARY. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Ms. Sampson for her hard work and commitment to the Board and wished her well in future endeavors.

2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – October 21, 2021

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2021 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS, JOSHUA CHORNEYKO AND DANIEL MARKS, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 11, 2021, AND BAILLIE GORMAN, ANDREA KRASZNAI, AND NICHOLAS SKALICKY, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 25, 2021. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Stephen P. Capone

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Stephen P. Capone entered the DROP on August 28, 2021 with 20.05 years of service. He retired on November 4, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$3,969.14. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER STEPHEN P. CAPONE. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Capone for his years of service.

5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Commander Joseph J. Nichols

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Commander Joseph J. Nichols entered the DROP on August 20, 2020 with 20.589 years of service and retired on November 5, 2021. His monthly benefit is \$5,827.47. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE COMMANDER JOSEPH J. NICHOLS. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Commander Nichols for his years of service.

6. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) Application of Police Officer Stacy M. Dyer

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Stacy M. Dyer entered the DROP on September 11, 2021 with 20.052 years of service. Her monthly benefit is \$3,732.78. All of her paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER STACY M. DYER. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

7. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any

There were no recently completed service transfers.

8. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS PALIWODA AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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